

January 6th, 2016

#### WACAB minutes

Board Members present: Stephanie Fisk McCurdy, Teresa Burks, John Stevens, Judy Handley, Chris Hageman, Traci Gehrke, Danelle Brewer.

Board Members not present: Sarah Guengerich

City of Wichita: Cpt. Doug Nolte, Dennis Graves, Jan Jarman, Drew Bessey, Steve Kenney.

1. Called to order by Stephanie Fisk McCurdy at 4:00 pm.
2. Minutes approved for 12/2, 6-0.
3. The floor was opened up for public comments. Ron & Deb Kinkor both spoke. Ron questioned why Pit Bulls are allowed. Deb expressed her frustrations with the lack of communication with Animal Control, that the dog was confined at home for the quarantine and level of punishment to the owner. Both described the attack to their dog by a Pit Bull which led to Deb being bitten. Dennis Graves and Lt. Steve Kenney explained the Animal Control process when a person is bitten or pet attacked.
4. The Board continued discussion on proposed changes to the fines and fees. Cpt. Doug Nolte request the Board give Animal Control staff recommendations on how to proceed.
  - A. The Board discussed the Animal Shelter Services Contract (Andover Contract). Board members questioned Animal Control staff if the proposed \$45 fee was enough to cover operating costs. John Stevens suggested raising it to \$70. There was further discussion by the Board and Animal Control staff on the matter. Animal Control staff agreed \$45 was sufficient. Stephanie Fisk McCurdy made a motion that the current Andover Contract be the sole model used to replace existing shelter service contracts. It was second by Judy Handley. Approved 5-1.
  - B. The Board discussed the Shelter Fee Schedule with Animal Control staff. It was agreed the Service Charge of \$45, the Rabies Voucher of \$10, the Dog Owners' License Voucher of \$15-46, the Boarding Fee of \$10 or \$20 and the Breeders License of \$50 should remain the same. Discussion of raising the Spay/Neuter Voucher was curbed till the next Board meeting in February. Animal Control staff need to check with Spay/Neuter KS to see how an increase would affect their operations. Teresa Burks suggested raising the Contract Vet Exam fee from \$35 to \$45. There was discussion between the Board and Animal Control staff on raising the Cremation Service fee. Options were discussed. Finally, Stephanie Fisk McCurdy made a motion to increase the cremation service fee for Vets to \$25 per animal if Animal Control picks up from the clinic and \$20 per animal if the clinic drops off at the shelter, Judy Handley second the motion. Passed 6-0.
5. John Stevens opened the discussion on Dangerous Dogs. He provided materials showing statistics of dog bite fatalities and fine comparisons to cities such as Tulsa, Des Moines, Las Vegas and others. John suggested the fines for biting dogs be increased. The discussion included the USPS position on aggressive dogs that run loose by Traci Gehrke. Jan Jarman explained to the Board how historically fines

are not a good deterrent. The discussion was cut short due to the meeting running past its scheduled end time.

6. John Stevens requested the changes, the Board had recommended, to the Ordinance be documented to avoid having to revisit topics already discussed. He suggested that City Attorney Jan Jarman be responsible for compiling this information. Jan suggested that the board make decisions on the recommendations they are proposing first, then make their proposals to the Manager/Council. Once a consensus on the recommendations are reached by the Board, they will need to be approved by City Administration. At that point the Law Department will undertake the task of writing ordinance changes. Stephanie Fisk McCurdy indicated she would get the recommended changes from Sarah Guengerich to forward to the Board for their review.

7. The Board agreed to discuss the remaining topics at the February meeting due to the time.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 5:28. The next meeting is set for February 3rd, 2016, 4:00-5:15 pm.